

**REGULAR SESSION    RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS    DECEMBER 21, 2009**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, December 21st, 2009 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 7th meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR**

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried. Adams noted that the claims reflect a reimbursement of highway employee health insurance claims to the highway fund.

The contract for technical services with GnA Assessment Professionals was approved and signed on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried. The Phase II and Phase III contract is in the amount of \$5,000.00

Adams questioned county attorney Leigh Morning as to how to proceed with the commissioners' sale process. Morning asked for further time to review Indiana Code and the whole process.

**SOLID WASTE**

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, thanked the highway department for spreading stone in the county dumpster recycle area.

**EMA**

Rob Puckett, EMA Assistant, provided an update of the grants in process. Deborah Adams questioned the status of the GIS award letter so that the county could proceed with the GIS website. Puckett later reported that Homeland Security currently has the sub-grant agreement in the legal department and is waiting on their status.

**COURTHOUSE**

Steve Gardner of Turnkey Mechanical & Electrical Corp approached the commissioners with an interest in providing maintenance to the courthouse and the sheriff department. The commissioners noted that they would discuss this further during their Jan 18<sup>th</sup> meeting in regards of an equipment listing.

The commissioners asked the auditor to contact Quality Plumbing Services who currently holds the maintenance agreement to appear at the January 4<sup>th</sup> commissioner meeting.

Tom Barnes reported that the clock tower roof is completed and that Wellman Brothers are now in the process of tearing down their equipment.

### **ANDERSON TWP**

Anderson Twp Trustee Karen Jenkins, along with Anderson Twp Advisory Board Chairman Bill Ward presented a ambulance service proposal to the commissioners. The proposal from the Anderson Twp and Anderson Twp Fire Department is to provide ambulance service to district 4 in southern Rush County.

Ward reported that the ambulance service will be run from the same building that was previously used by the Milroy Ambulance Service. A map outlining the residence locations of ambulance personnel as in relation to response time was provided to the commisioners. The township has negotiated a lease buy back on the ambulance. The current Milroy Ambulance will vacate the fire department by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Ward indicated that the Anderson Twp ambulance will need state certification and the Rush Memorial Hospital will continue to support their service.

Currently nine (9) members are certified EMT's. Three (3) members will be certified as of January and six (6) will take classes at the first part of the New Year.

Ward noted that the township has funding available for up to six (6) months of operation and is willing to do so.

The commissioners further discussed the proposal and did ask that the township trustee share future State Board of Accounts audit reports. Sheriff Jeff Sherwood shared his support to Anderson Twp and stressed that there could be no delay in emergency response.

Commissioner Ken Masters commended the Anderson Twp group for preparing and submitting a proposal and made the motion to accept their proposal. Commissioner Marvin Cole seconded the motion adding that no funding would be given during this first six (6) months as indicated in item #2 of the proposal, so as to act as a probation period. Motion carried.

County attorney Leigh Morning will prepare a six (6) month contract for the commissioners to approve and sign. Following the first (6) months the commissioners will decide as to continue the contract and then Anderson Twp will receive its subsidy from the county.

### **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent had nothing to report

### **SHERIFF**

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported fifty-one (51) inmates currently house in the Rush County jail. Three (3) inmates are sentenced and forty-eight (48) inmates are pre-sentenced.

Sherwood reported that the new Dodge Charger was received last week. Sherwood reported that the Surveyor vehicle a 2002 Explorer along with a 2005 Crown Victoria was traded. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve and sign the certificate of title for the two traded vehicles. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **PERSONNEL POLICIES HANDBOOK**

Deborah Adams, Auditor and member of the Personnel Advisory Committee outlined the amendments resulting from the input of office holders and department heads during the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. After further discussion and the clarification of one sick day being provided at the start of each month the committee was encouraged to meet again in 30 days. Marvin Cole made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-8 an ordinance amending Ordinance 2009-7. Tom Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **AMBULANCE SERVICES**

The Commissioners reviewed the ambulance services agreements for Rush Memorial Hospital; Raleigh Fire Department and Carthage Volunteer Fire Department. Leigh Morning noted that the only changes were for Raleigh and Carthage in the area of training to personnel if county funds were available and that the agreements could be terminated within 90 days notice. The ambulance services agreements were approved and signed on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried. Raleigh Fire Department was approved for \$45,000.00 for the 2010 calendar year; Carthage Volunteer Fire Department was approved for \$24,948.00; and Rush Memorial Hospital was approved for \$700,000.00 for the 2010 calendar year and has a 180 day termination clause;

The commissioners reviewed run reports for Milroy EMS Inc., and Raleigh Fire Department.

### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

The commissioners approved the signing of the General Amendment to Organ Transplant Benefits to the Rush County Employees Benefit Plan on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the commissioners to not sign the Caremark Prescription Benefit Services Agreement without reviewing the original Caremark agreement.

Jerry Sitton, Chairman of the Employee Health Insurance Committee, reported that he has had discussions with Rush Memorial Hospital regarding joining a Co-Op agreement regarding services. Sitton will again be meeting with the hospital at the first of the year.

### **FIBER BOARD**

Tom Barnes reported that the fiber board is meeting Tuesday at 4:00 in the Commissioners Room. Barnes noted that discussion will be held on a non-matching grant for fiber infrastructure for Emerson Climate (Copeland). Barnes received approval to work on behalf of the commissioners regarding a pass thru grant on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

### **MISC.**

- Review the November monthly Treasurers report
- Signed a letter of agreement for Sunesis Construction to use the lot owned by the commissioners on Perkins Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets. It was noted that the removed cut trees from the main street project will be donated to the Pioneer Engineer Club.
- Approved and signed the two year county farm rental contract on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried
- The commissioners discussed the letter received from the Public Defender Commission.

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Tom Barnes, Chairman

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Marvin Cole

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Ken Masters